



McAlester Lions Club

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Harlem Ambassadors:

When it comes to finding a fundraiser for a non-profit organization it is hard to come up with anything that is different from everyone else. When the Harlem Ambassadors asked the McAlester Lions Club if they would be interested in hosting them, the board was a little unsure about how this would turn out. I was appointed the representative for the club and began to get things organized and slowly things started to come together. We were able to get sponsors to cover our fee and then everything from that point was profit for our group.

As we approached the event I was contacted to see if we might want to do some assemblies at the local schools and we jumped on the chance. When the team came to town, I was very impressed with the way they conducted themselves and how the kids reacted to them. The assembly was one of the best things that we could have done because it got the kids excited about the upcoming basketball game.

The day was finally here and we were ready to go, but we soon found out that the weather might not be in our corner. Here we had built up this great fundraiser for our organization and now it might be snowed out. I knew that the team would be in town, so the game would go on. We were a little nervous that the weather would keep people away, but when we opened the doors the tickets sales started. We had sold tickets in advance but there were a lot sold at the door. We were very pleased with the turn out that night and everyone had a great time.

I can't say enough good things about the team and how great they were to work with. They are great role models for children and they really got the kids involved in the game. I highly recommend that any organization that is looking for a fundraiser consider the Harlem Ambassadors because they are not only entertaining, but very professional in what they do. In fact, we plan to make this an annual event for our organization.

Thanks for asking us to participate in this great event.

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